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SUBSIDENCE: A sewage pipe cracked and leaked after the ground moved near a treatment centre at Maidstone Hospital

EXCLUSIVE

BY ANNA WHITE

HOSPITAL bosses have assured patients their health was not at risk when the ground near a treatment centre subsided and caused a sewage pipe to crack.

The ground next to the Mid Kent Treatment Centre, at Maidstone Hospital, subsided about a month ago, but even though the movement did not disrupt the centre's services it did cause some damage.

The subsidence caused a sewage pipe that runs near to the treatment centre to crack and allegedly its contents filled a hole – created by the ground movement.

A man from Medway, who did not want to be named but has close connections to NHS staff at Maidstone Hospital, told Yourmaidstone: "Apparently the treatment centre was built on top of a hole which caused it to subside and broke a sewage pipe in the process.

"I have heard that the sewage then filled the

"I have heard that the sewage then filled the hole and that it is going to cost more than £1 million to fix.

"The building should have built properly in the first place and to have sewage running underneath a medical centre is not acceptable or hygienic, especially seeing as it was the hospital where all those people died from the C-diff outbreak.

"People have a right to know and should be aware, especially if the repairs are going to be coming out of taxpayers' pockets."

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GUARDIAN ANGEL: Corriene Vickers, owner of Angel Express, offers taxis for females only

Firms combine to give ladies a safe trip home

TWO taxi firms have joined forces to launch a new female-only service to ensure women going to and from the county town are in safe hands.

The Express Cabs Group, in Upper Stone Street, has teamed up with Maidstone's only female taxi firm, Angel Private Hire, to create Angel Express – a taxi service driven by women for women.

Corriene Vickers, founder of Angel

Private Hire, contacted her ex-boss John Iandolo, of Express Cars, with the idea to merge the two companies.

Ms Vickers said: "As a lady taxi driver it suddenly dawned on me that there was a gap in the market for a female taxi service

"As a parent myself, I know the worries you have when your daughter starts getting out and about. That's where the idea came from and I knew it would be a great success.

"Angels Private Hire was the only cab service in Maidstone specialising in a female-only service. As a familyrun business we provide a good, friendly, efficient service and gained

BY **ANNA WHITE**

an excellent reputation with many loyal customers.
"However, recent times have made

it difficult to expand in the way I had hoped so I approached good friend and ex-boss, John Iandolo of Express Cars, a well-respected businessman, who thought it was a great idea and already had the advantage of employing several lady drivers on his workforce.

"We have a great relationship with our customers and they feel safe knowing they can call us at any time.

"For extra convenience we also use a mobile number so if you're in a noisy environment, you can text us." Mr Iandolo said: "Passenger safety

is paramount and we aim to help make Maidstone a safer place for females of all ages, who may perhaps otherwise feel vulnerable travelling on public transport.

"All our drivers are fully licensed, badged and screened by Kent Police to

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yourmaidstone **NEWS** IN BRIEF

Five-year road safety campaign is rewarded

CONCERNED residents can have their say on plans to help reduce speeding motorists and increase

pedestrian safety.

After more than five years of campaigning calling for action to be taken to improve road safety in the Fant area of Maidstone, Kent Highways Services has come up with a solution.

The proposed plans will be displayed for public consultation on Friday from 9am-5pm and Saturday from 9am-12.30pm at Fant Hall.

The proposals are for a series of improvements in Glebe Lane, Gatland Lane, Farleigh Lane and

Customers spoilt for choice at joint market

ARTISTS have been invited to sell their handmade items to a wider customer base when the county town's two main markets join forces.

The Bizarre Bazaar Market and the County Town Farmers' Market will become one when they combine to be Maidstone's Joint Affordable Arts and Craft Market.

The event will run on Saturday, September 26 and Saturday, November 28, and this will be the second time that the two have joined forces. For details on how to apply for a stall call 01622 602828.

Organisers hail Army fun day great success

A FAMILY fun day at the county town's Army barracks has been hailed a great success by organisers.

Large crowds flocked to the home of the 36 Engineer Regiment, in Invicta Barracks, on Royal Engineers Way,

last Wednesday.

Attractions included a Gurkha Kukri knife display, divers showing off their underwater skills and police officers gave families crime reduction advice from a mobile station.

Crime reduction officer John Grant said: "Our officers offered a chance to see how forensic marking works, as well as giving crime reduction advice."



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Gurkha campaigner humbled by Nepal visit

Duo were given hero's welcome

BY STEVE KNIGHT

GURKHA Justice Campaign founder Peter Carroll has spoken of his delight at the reception he and Joanna Lumley received throughout their tour of Nepal.

The two were mobbed by well-wishers during their visit to the country last week, which was originally intended to be a low-key affair.

However, that all changed back in May when the Government agreed to change its immigra-tion policy and give all former Gurkha soldiers

the right to reside in the UK.

Liberal Democrat Mr Carroll, who will fight for the Maidstone and Weald seat at the next general election, said his tour of Nepal was an "amazing life experience"

He added: "It's the sort of thing that only happens once in a lifetime. Upon arriving at Kathmandu Airport we were warned by police there were a lot of people waiting for us, but when those doors opened I just couldn't see.

"There was just a wall of cameras, people, flags and banners – I actually feared for our safety at one point.



GRATITUDE: Peter Carroll (right) with actress Joanna Lumley (left) and the Nepalese Prime Minister last week

"I and a few others had to form a human barrier around Joanna because there were just so many delighted people around that we were worried there might be a crush.

"Some of those who had come to see us had walked for miles and miles and I wasn't expecting the reaction to our visit to be as powerful as

"Obviously we were very happy with the result of our campaign, but to look into the eyes of the people that it affects, you could see

The foundations of the Gurkha Justice Campaign were laid in 2004, when Mr Carroll, who is also a Shepway councillor, was approached by four veterans facing deportation.

Back then no former Gurkhas had a legal right to live in the UK, but within three years the Government had introduced a new policy that allowed those who retired after 1997 to settle in the country.

This still left older veterans out in the cold until May's announcement, which many have put down to the determination of Lumley, Mr Carroll and the campaign.

While the national media concentrated on the praise lavished upon 'Goddess Joanna' during last week's visit to Nepal, Mr Carroll said its citizens also showed their gratitude for his efforts.

He said: "There were banners that read we love you Peter' and I saw several big posters with pictures of me on them.

"It was so humbling because really it should have been us saying thank you to them.

"I never imagined the campaign would end like this, but that's one of the most uplifting parts of the whole story - that someone can fight against the Government for something he or she believes in and win.

Meanwhile, Kent County Council took advan-tage of Mr Carroll's visit by asking him to invite the Nepalese Olympics team to stay in Kent during the 2012 games in London.

He said: "We have Gurkhas based in Folkestone, Ashford and Maidstone, so it would be fantastic if they used Kent as their base at the next Olympics. The ministers I spoke to in Nepal were very grateful for the invite."

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LOVING: Andrew Loughlin was killed in collision

'Missed more than words can describe'

THE family of a motorcyclist killed on Linton Hill last week has paid tribute to the "loving and caring" father-of-two.

Andrew Loughlin, 53, was pronounced dead at the bottom of the hill, in Linton, near Rankin Farm, after his blue Yamaha motorbike collided with a grey Iveco panel van, at 1.22pm, on Thursday.

In a joint statement released through Kent Police, Mr Loughlin's family said: "Andy is going to be missed more than words can describe. He was a loving and caring family man. This tragic accident has left such a void in all our lives.

"We feel he has been torn away from us when we were not ready to let him go.

"To Andy his family was everything – his wife Karen, his daughters Donna and Stacy, his son-in-laws Colin and Stuart and his three-year-old grand-daughter Sophie. We are extremely proud and grateful for the time that we shared with him and the memories that will live in our hearts forever."

Police are still appealing for anyone who saw the incident to contact the serious collision investigation unit on 01622

No threat to patients, says trust

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Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust said its estates team has successfully diverted the pipe past the damaged area.

In a statement the trust said its team avoided the damaged area by using temporary pumps and piping between drains while the original pipes and subsidence problem is fixed.

A trust spokesman said: "Our first concern is always to ensure the safety of patients and our site.

"We successfully dealt with the immediate problems of subsidence and a cracked drain, and are now progressing well with the repair

"I am glad to say that no patients, visitors or members of staff were put at risk and services in the nearby treatment centre are carrying on as normal."

As for the price tag on the damages, the spokesman said the cost has not yet been finalised but will be paid for by insurance - not the

It is not yet known what caused the subsidence but several nights of heavy rain have been suggested as a possible factor.

Sponsor gives young 2012 hopefuls a lift

TWO talented young athletes will be able to take their sport a step further after a business agreed to

Nineteen-year-old rower Louise Tulloch, 13, can now concentrate on their ultimate goal – representing Britain in the London 2012 Olympics.

The pair have been backed by insurers Towergate, who are based at Eclipse Park in Maidstone.

Both received £750 to help with their training costs after company bosses saw their plight on the Maidstone's Dream website, set up by Maidstone council to inspire companies to back our 2012 hopefuls.

Yourmaidstone backing Maidstone's Dream and ran a story on Courtney two weeks ago.

Louise, who is studying criminology and social policy at Hull University, won the women's junior double sculls at the National Championships of Great Britain in 2006, and has a promising career ahead of her.

Courtney, who is a member of the British National Gymnastics Squad, currently relies on mum Gloria to fund his passion.

Now he has received funding help, it looks much more likely that he will be able to take part in the Junior





TALENTED DUO: Louise Ramsay (left) and Courtney Tulloch are aiming for 2012 Games

European and Commonwealth Games – possibly leading to acceptance in the Olympics themselves.

Maidstone council is thought to be the first council in the country to be running a project of this kind for its

Cabinet member for leisure and culture, Cllr Brian Moss, said: "Every business in Maidstone can be involved. It doesn't have to cost a lot of money, but every business in Maidstone can contribute something."

· Any business or athlete wishing to register should contact Karen Jeal on 01622 602759 or email maidstonesdream@maidstone.gov.uk.



Golden prize for buyer of two-millionth composter

A GREEN-fingered man has been awarded a golden compost bin after he became the two-millionth person to buy one as part of a national scheme.

Tim Fox, a product development manager from Maidstone, bought the compost bin through the partnership between Recycle Now and Kent County Council, which offers cut-price bins to residents.

To buy a compost bin visit www.recyclenow.com/compost.

Jam in the Park features budding musical talents

ELEVEN youth bands and solo artists will take to the stage at an open-air music festival held in Maidstone this weekend.

The acts will perform on Saturday at Jam in the Park, which is organised by Maidstone Town Centre Management, in Brenchley Gardens. The free event will start at 1pm and finish at 6.20pm.

For the full line-up, running order and other information visit our website www.yourmaidstone.co.uk.

Five-a-side health care teams score for charity

HEALTH workers showed off their footwork skills when teams from across the county's NHS met for a charity tournament.

The tournament, which took place at Sittingbourne Community College, on July 29, saw teams battle it out while raising more than £600 for Fynvola – a charity that specialises in care for earning disabled adults.

The tournament included teams from Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust and Kent and Medway Partnership Trust.

Chance discovery proves good news for museum

A RARE piece of engineering history has been found while repair works were being carried out on the Archbishops Stables area of Maidstone.

Workers stumbled across a Jones & Attwood of Stourbridge boiler, behind the Carriage Museum, in Mill Street. The boiler dates back to the early part of the 20th century. It is proposed to remove the boiler and place it in the Carriage Museum as part of a display on the history of the building.

County market calls on local sales force

MORE people are being encouraged to sell their homegrown produce to stop a market hitting meltdown.

Maidstone Country Market has been running in the town for 65 years, but organisers say more producers are needed to keep the venture afloat.

The market, which runs every Thursday, is part of a UK-wide group of country markets formally run by the Womens' Institute.

But in the last year alone similar projects in Hawkhurst and Tunbridge Wells have shut down due to a shortage of people baking and making treats to sell on.

Committed

Market manager Susan Chartier said: "For 90 years people of all ages across the country have been hard at work in their own homes building a true community success story.

"Country Markets is a network of about 400 local markets selling delicious, high quality homemade baked goods and preserves, home-grown fruit, vegetables, plants and crafts at weekly venues across England, Wales and the Channel Islands.

"Maidstone Country Market has been part of this for 65 years, but is only made possible by an army of committed and skilled local people who cook, grow and make wonderful produce in their own homes for sale at the weekly market.

If you want to join for friendship and a bit

BY EMILY HALL

of extra money by indulging in your hobby, there is a place for you at the country market

"Equally, if you would like to build a thriving home-run business this is also possible as demand for products continues to grow both at the markets and in retail outlets too."

The market has a huge number of benefits for the community.

Country market products are now also being stocked in some local shops, including community-owned village shops, farm shops and garden centres.

Ms Chartier added: "The producers are all shareholders in their country market, which costs just 5p to join and all produce is sold cooperatively with the producers receiving a cheque at the end of the month for their sales minus a small commission to cover running costs and insurance.

"While the income received is of great value to producers, possibly equally impor-tant is the ability to share their enthusiasm and skills with local people.

"Many have built up long and lasting friendships as a result of their participation."

The market is held every Thursday between 10.30am and noon at The United Reformed Church Hall, opposite C&H Fabrics in Week Street, Maidstone.

For more information call 01622 861333.

Town's tribute to dead soldier



HOME-GROWN: The market has been in existence for 65 years

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HUNDREDS of mourners paid their final respects to a Maidstone soldier killed in Afghanistan at his funeral last week.

Family, friends and fellow soldiers filled All Saints Church and nearby roads in Maidstone town centre last Tuesday to remember Captain Ben Babington-Browne.
The funeral for Capt Babington-Browne, 27, of

22 Engineer Regiment, who died in a helicopter crash in Zabul Province on July 8, was held with full honours and was led by the Revd Canon Christopher Morgan-Jones.

A family tribute was given by Kenneth Wilson, which was followed by a tribute from Lt Col Andrew Noble, Commanding Officer 22 Engineer Regiment, who finished with a reading of The Ode of Remembrance – from the poem For the Fallen, by Lawrence Binyon.

The emotional funeral came to a close with the congregation singing the National Anthem and Capt Babington-Browne's mother, Nina, laying a rose on his coffin - which was draped in the Union

Ms Babington-Browne was joined by Ben's brother Daniel as they watched fellow soldiers carry his coffin outside, where a firing party fired three gun shots in front of more mourners who had gathered to pay their respects.





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PAYING THE PRICE: Nearly £1.6 million still needs to be found to build a new east wing on Maidstone Museum

Funding shortfall for museum plan may hit taxpayer

COUNCIL bosses say they are confident of raising their share of a £4 million extension to Maidstone Museum despite claims that taxpayers could have to meet the costs.

Maidstone council is currently trying to raise funds to pay half of the multi-million-pound project to build a new east wing at the museum in St Faiths Street.

The Heritage Lottery Fund announced in 2007, that it would award the scheme £1,999,000 - which is due to be donated to the Maidstone Trust in September.

So far the trust has raised £110,000, but a local newspaper reported last week that taxpayers would have to pay the shortfall of the council's £2 million share.

The claims were made after the council agreed to underwrite the project and reduce the overall cost by £300,000 – meaning the council needs to raise a further £1,600,000.

Maidstone council's cabinet member for leisure and culture Brian Moss remains confident the money can be raised and said underwriting the project was simply a formality to ensure the Lottery grant is awarded.

He said: "This is an exciting and innovative project to increase visitor numbers to the museum and town, to improve learning opportunities and to preserve the collections

BY ANNA WHITE

"The cabinet underwrote the cost, but this was a technical requirement to prevent the Lottery funding being withdrawn. The trust is still raising funds – we've recently received a promise of a £100,000 donation and there are several other good prospects."

To ensure the trust stays on track it has a number of options lined up and will continue to hold meetings during the next six months with potential backers that specialise in arts and heritage grants.

These include Garfield Weston, the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation, Paul Hamlyn Foundation, Pilgrim Trust and the Henry Smith Charity.

A meeting has also been scheduled with Fidelity UK Foundation later this month, and business partnerships are currently being negotiated with Fremlin Walk and Maidstone Town Centre Management to hopefully create more income.

If all goes to plan the trust will also secure a partnership with Kent County Council to help ensure the future of the project.

The east wing project includes a new extension to the museum to allow more space to bring out hundreds of collections currently in storage.

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yourmaidstone **NEWS** IN BRIEF

Mulberry Tree in top 100

A RESTAURANT in a Maidstone village is one of two Kent eateries to make it on to a list of the top 100 restaurants in the country.

The Mulberry Tree, in Boughton Monchelsea, was named as the 74th best restaurant in Eat Out magazine's prestigious list of the UK's best restaurants.

Owner Karen Williams said: "We are chuffed to be included - we have all worked very hard to put The Mulberry Tree on the culinary map, so this news is wonderful."

The Eat Out Magazine list highlights the most sought-after restaurants serving the finest food throughout the country.

Each of the contenders were given a point for every accolade received since 2008

The list was topped by creative chef Heston Blumenthal's Fat Duck at Bray restaurant.

The other Kent restaurant to appear on the list is Chapter One, based in Farnborough, in 100th place.

Trucker's wedding surprise

A TRUCK driver stunned his bride-to-be and family and friends by turning up to his wedding in his HGV.

Shaun Fairweather, from Maidstone, said: "Trucks have always been a passion of mine and I wanted to do something unconventional for the wedding - so turning up my truck seemed the obvious choice.'

The groom, who works for transport and storage firm Alan Firmin Ltd, stunned his future wife Jenny when he arrived at the registry office at the Archbishops Palace driving his DAF XF105 super-space tractor unit.

Air ambulance flying high

BOSSES of Kent Air Ambulance are celebrating after the charity became the only one of its kind in the UK to receive a top award.

The Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Service has become the first Helicopter Emergency Medical Service charity in the country to be awarded the Investing in Volunteering standard.

The award is given to organisations that meet ten indicators of good practice covering all aspects of volunteer management.

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'Crack rabbit' just not art

PICTURES of a drugged-up cartoon rabbit that have been popping up around Maidstone have been defended as a "social experiment" by its creator.

Stickers and posters bearing the bizarre image have been posted on walls and street furniture throughout the county town, much to the dislike of residents who view them as an eyesore.

Councillor Stephen Paine contacted Yourmaidstone to help promote his campaign to kill the crack rabbit after being unconvinced by its creator's argument that it was not a form of graffiti.

In a message sent to Mr Paine on Facebook, 'Team Crack' member Jonny Darko wrote: "It is a social experiment. The objective is just to see if a silly yet sinister image can break through that wall of routine in everyone's daily lives, and if they will start to notice their surroundings more and question everything.

Cllr Paine said while he found the project interesting, he was not convinced by the artist's argument.



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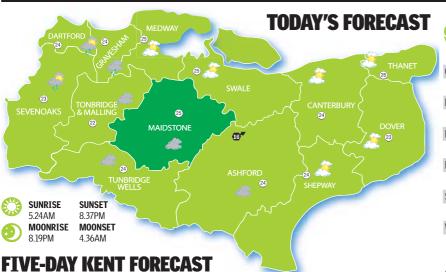
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	Sunday	3:37pm	5.9m
Dover	Saturday	1:23pm	6.5m
	Sunday	1:52pm	6.5m
Dungeness	Saturday	1:20pm	7.5m
	Sunday	1:49pm	7.6m
Ramsgate	Saturday	1:53pm	5.0m
	Sunday	2:22pm	5.0m
Sheerness	Saturday	2:57pm	5.7m
	Sunday	3:27pm	5.7m
Whitstable	Saturday	2:54pm	5.2m
	Sunday	3:21pm	5.2m



AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

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Athens	35°C	New York	24°C
Barcelona	25°C	Paris	21°C
Beijing	31°C	Rome	27°C
Bombay	29°C	Sydney	18°C
Cape Town	19°C	Tenerife	26°C
Cardiff	17°C	Tokyo	28°C
Gibraltar	27°C	Vancouver	25°C
Hong Kong	34°C	Warsaw	23°C
Las Palmas	27°C	Wellington	15°C



PET PEAVE: Helen holding Charlie next to the chip van

Grant chips in to support campaign for saving dogs

TORY hopeful Helen Grant and her border terrier Charlie are backing a campaign for compulsory micro-chipping for dogs.

The parliamentary candidate for Maidstone and Weald visited the Dogs Trust's mobile

'chip van' when it stopped in the county town on Monday last week.

Dogs Trust chief executive Clarissa Baldwin said: "Nearly 97,000 stray dogs were taken in by local councils in the UK last year; 6,710 of which were put to sleep, many because they couldn't be reunited with their owners.

"We urgently want to see these figures go down and believe micro-chipping can help." Mrs Grant, who had Charlie micro-chipped

as a puppy, said: "I understand the distress dog owners and pets go through when separated.

"It happened to one of my staff recently and she was quickly re-united with her dog as a

direct result of micro-chipping."

The Dogs Trust can micro-chip pets by appointment at any of their re-homing centres for just £10 or £5 for means-tested benefits.

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Can you tell us a little about yourself?

I'm 21 and was born in Maidstone. I went I'm 21 and was point in managed to Maidstone Girls' Grammar and am now studying English at Loughborough University.

QYou're back home for the summer break. What made you decide to volunteer with Macmillan Cancer Support?

A I've done a lot of fundraising in the past so have always been interested in the charity sector. With more than two million people living with cancer, it's something which affects everyone's lives so I am proud to help Macmillan, which provides invaluable support to so many.

Macmillan's internship offers experience in areas such as PR, marketing and events management, which is invaluable in a competitive

QDid the recession influence your decision to volunteer rather than look for paid work?

Definitely. Before the recession I had some A Definitely, before the recession I had some fanciful idea that I would easily find a paid placement over the summer; gaining work experience while paying off debts.

It soon became clear it wasn't going to be

quite so straightforward and this forced me to question what my priorities were. I chose the unpaid internship, but in a role I feel is giving me REAL work experience, I like to consider it as a long-term investment.

Mhat role have you taken on with Macmillan?

It's my job to project-manage Macmillan's flagship event the World's Biggest Coffee Morning within Kent. I have to publicise the event throughout the county, encourage as much of Kent to get involved as I can and ensure Macmillan raises as much money as possible, even if that involves dressing up as a giant coffee mug.

So far the role has taken me to some interesting places including a barbecue at Dungeness power station. One of my main objectives is to inform people just how much Macmillan does on a local level and the service it provide other than the famous nurses.

For example, last year Macmillan provided more than £230,000 of grants in Kent alone, to help with things such as travel expenses to and from hospital, or more unusual items such as a fishing rod and wedding dress.

Why is the World's Biggest Coffee Morning so important?

It is now in its 19th year and is Macmillan's A biggest national event, raising £7.5 million in 2008. This year the theme for coffee mornings is 'feel good' and, despite the economic climate, we are aiming even higher and hope to raise £230,000 in Kent. Macmillan is about 80 per cent of the way to reaching the £1 million it needs to raise for the new Macmillan Cancer Unit at Medway Maritime Hospital.

Mow can people and companies get involved?

It couldn't be simpler - which is the beauty of the coffee mornings. Just call the hotline on 0845 602 1246 or register online at www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee and we'll send an information pack with everything you could possibly want to host your own event.

All you need to supply is a cup, a kettle, preferably some cake and it also helps if you have one or two friends, but imaginary ones will do as long as they make a donation.

Mhat do you hope to do after completing your studies?

Career-wise, I'm not sure yet. Events man-A agement has always been something I've been interested in, but I also really enjoy writing, so perhaps journalism. I can put off decision making for a bit longer as I intend to go travelling once I finish my degree.

Tell us something not many people know about you?

I'm scared of pigeons. It's a long story that involves Trafalgar Square.

Anything you'd like to add?

My aim is to make the World's Biggest A Coffee Morning a key date in everyone's diary and I'd love Kent to be the leading light in supporting the event.

The fundraising intern for Macmillan Cancer Support in Kent spoke to **Jon Coates** about working as a volunteer and her mission to make the World's Biggest Coffee Morning a key date in all our readers' diaries.

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Michelle loses brave 18-year cancer battle

BY **SIMON ROBINSON**

A MOTHER-of-one has died after an 18-year battle with skin cancer.

Michelle Borrett, 38, from Walderslade, died on Monday last week. She leaves behind husband Gary and eight-year-old daughter Grace.

A touching statement released by the family reads: "Michelle was wife and best friend to Gary, mother to Grace, daughter of Bob and Margaret, sister of Nicky and James, sister-inlaw to Paul and Nic, auntie to Arne and Jake, daughter-in-law to Barbara and Roy, and friend, adviser and confidant to all who knew and loved her.

"She was one of the kindest, most selfless, helpful and just plain lovely people you could ever wish to know."

Michelle was first diagnosed with malignant melanoma at the age of 21 after doctors told her a small mole on her lower back was cancerous. Surgeons removed the mole and regular check-ups showed no sign of the cancer having spread. Michelle married bank colleague Gary in 1999 and gave birth to daughter Grace two years later.

Just before Grace's fourth birthday in 2005, the young mum found a lump in her groin and investigations revealed the cancer had returned. Once again, Michelle underwent painful surgery to have the lump removed. Three years later a routine scan identified abnormal cells in her lung.
Surgeons removed the cells but the cancer

spread once again, reaching her brain in June this year. Michelle's family said it was her wish to raise awareness of the dangers of the sun and malignant melanoma, and handed this paper a moving article written by



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FAMILY TRIBUTE: "Just plain lovely" – Michelle Borrett, with daughter Grace and husband Gary

Michelle in 2006. In it she revealed how devastated she was to hear the cancer had returned.

She wrote: "I was so shocked. I'd come to the hospital on my own. I went round to mum's. What am I going to do about Grace,' I wept. 'I just want to be here for my little girl.

"Mum held me tightly and burst into tears too. We just clung to each other.'

She goes on to urge others to protect themselves against the sun.

Michelle wrote: "I just want people to learn from reading my story that the sun is a dangerous thing. When the sun comes out, people in this country go mad for it and sit out for as

long as they can. But people need to cover up and wear sunscreen – or else it could happen to them. Thirteen years after I had my mole removed, it came back to haunt me. I dismissed it as 'just a mole.' Don't anyone else do the same. It's a matter of life or death.

• Last week we reported how two friends were planning to do the Leeds Castle 10k run for Cancer Research UK to support Michelle after her cancer returned for the third time.

Adam Dudley and Nigel Scott now intend to complete the run in the picturesque grounds of the castle, near Maidstone, on Sunday, September 27, as a tribute to her.

Visit www.run10ksponsorme.org/adamdudley to sponsor

Square the circle and strike gold in your garden

PAT CRAWFORD provides gardening advice from Hadlow College in her exclusive Yourmaidstone column. AN AWARD-winning design from Hadlow College has shown how traditional methods can be used to create wildlife-friendly

The Squared Circle, pictured below, was judged Best Garden and won a gold medal

at the County Show. Designed by Pat Marchant, it combined the best of the past with the current desire for pleasing outdoor spaces.

The garden included four cyclical rotational vegetable beds which demonstrated the simple but effec-



at repelling nematodes (worms). Sturdy, taller plants provided windbreaks for more sensitive plants. Herbs were included to attract beneficial insects. The diversity of the planting plan dis-

courages a build up of a single pest.

The Squared Circle wasn't a big garden, but it clearly demonstrated just how much food can be produced in a small area without resorting to chemicals.

It's too late to install something similar

this year, but now would be a great time to start making plans for 2010.

And it isn't necessary to give an entire plot over to a similar plan. The idea could be incorporated into almost any garden.

· For a sketch plan of The Squared Circle garden with abbreviated companion planting list, send an SAE to: Pat Crawford, Hadlow College, Tonbridge, TN11 OAL. Information and advice about career, horticulture and gardening courses can be obtained on 0500 551434.





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Maidstone makes it in to Grand National mix

BY **RACHEL MCATHY**

HE WAS once dubbed "the worst racehorse in history" – now a steed named after our county town has made a little history after becoming the youngest to qualify for the world's most famous steeplechase, the Grand National.

And given his name, bookies are bracing themselves for a rush of wagers on the horse if he eventually lines up in the showcase steeple-chase at Aintree.

Four-year-old Maidstone Mixture clinched the chance to line-up before a global TV audience of millions with a win in a recent qualifying event. In doing so he achieved the blend of height, weight, ratings and race wins required.

However, don't start planning that flutter just yet. His well-known owners don't intend to enter him for the race for another few years.

Maidstone Mixture is owned by millionaires Fergus and Judith Wilson – the former teachers who shot to fame after leaving the classroom to dabble in property. Their wheeling and dealing has made them one of the nation's wealthiest couples, with a portfolio of hundreds of homes across the county.

They've already entered runners into the Grand National in the past, but this one is particularly special to them.

After a poor performance in the Derby last year the stallion was referred to as the "worst racehorse in history" by racing pundits.

Mr Wilson, who owns around 30 horses in total, told our sister paper Kent on Saturday: "Most horses that race in the Grand National



RISING STAR: Maidstone Mixture is the youngest ever qualifier to achieve a place in the Grand National

are about nine years old, so it is quite an achievement to already meet the minimum qualification.

"When he ran in the Derby, someone said he was the worst race horse ever, but I think he meant in the race that day.

"But clearly, he was not the worst, as he has won a couple of races."

He said the horse's popularity has shot up in the last few months. "The people of Maidstone all have a stake in his name," he said.

Earlier this year, one of Mr Wilson's horses, Cerium, was given odds of 500-1 before running in the Grand National. He eventually finished fifth. Winning the big race has long been a dream of Mr Wilson's, but he remains grounded about Maidstone Mixture's chances.

"I have to be realistic, he is not the best horse in the world, but far from the worst," he said.



HAPPY: The day before his death Henry Surtees had been celebrating a podium finish in his race

Friends and family say goodbye to tragic racer Henry

THE tragically short and thrilling life of Formula Two racer Henry Surtees was celebrated in a moving church service on Thursday.

Family and friends recalled the huge smile, hugs and affection of the 18-year-old from Edenbridge who died in a freak accident while competing in the Formula Two Championship at Brands Hatch two weeks ago. He was struck on the head by a wheel from another car while travelling at 120mph.

Among more than 400 mourners were Formula One legend Nigel Mansell, Williams team co-founder Patrick Head and Lewis Hamilton's father Anthony.

Mr Surtees had been tipped as one of motorsport's brightest talents. He was the son of John Surtees – the only man to have won world titles on both two and four wheels.

The service took place at Worth Abbey near Crawley – close to the school where he so recently completed his A-Levels.

The congregation listened in tearful silence as Henry's sisters Edwina and Leonora did readings and other family members recalled his achievements as a motoring star of the future.

The end of the service saw his remains leave for a private burial with his team helmet placed on top of the coffin.



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Looking for a fun-loving guy for a LTR

Looking for a fun-loving guy for a LTR.
I'm 41, works as a dential nurse, easy
to get on with, always up for fun
times.Sittingbourne Box 454827 *

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Kent female, 40, 57", dark eyes,
GSOH, no fies, likes cosy nights in,
socialising, country pubs, cinema,
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HI 'I'm Katie, caring, fun-loving, 5ft5, slim single mum of 2. Enjoy clubbing out and cosy nights in with genuine man. Box 453269
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MATCH OF THE DAY!
Fun-to-be-with, blonde female, 25,
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IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU BABY
Caring and honest lady, 25, blue eyes,
blonde hair, looking for a sweet, caring and respectful non-smoking man,
25-35, for love, friendship and LTR.
BOX 879522 €

NOT YOUR
BROWN-EYED GIRL, BUT...
Blue-eyed brunette, 27, 5ft1, loves
films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me
time! Looking for honest guy with
GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105

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YOURS AND YOURS ONLY

Attractive, down-to-earth British-Indian single mum, 29, WLTM white British male, 29-34, no ties, for long-term relationship. Box 883431
GIVE AND TAKE IN LOVE Loving loyal female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 6ft+, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471
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FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME... Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair. I enjoy eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship Box 453039

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HAPPY DAYS!
Attractive, furn-loving female, 31, 54", size 12, dark hair with blonde high-lights, tactile, WLTM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734 © SEALED WITH A KISS
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Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, wining and dining, laughing, seeks loyal, loving man for friendship and more. Box

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HELLO EVERYONE!
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BELLA ISABEL Lovely, fun and caring brunette, 42, recently divorced, intelligent, hard working, fun-loving, WLTM a gent to socialise with. Box 878250 •

Box 450348
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TLC ON OFFER FOR THE RIGHT PERSON! Blonde, blue eyed woman, 44, fun-loving, looking for Mr Right. I love going out, nights in, movies, walking, local gigs. WLTM the right man for TLC. Box 880280 **©**

LOVE TO MEET YOU Kind woman, 42, outgoing, happy-go-lucky, sometimes shy. I like gardening, socialising, travel, walks. Looking for happy, fun fella. Aylesford Box 428464

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INDEPENDENCE
Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly,
independent woman, love to laugh,
socialising with friends, looking for
independent man who values TLC.
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Box 414156 **T**STARTING OVER
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COULD IT BE YOU? Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800 •

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444366 **⊕**HELP ME OPEN UP

Easygoing lady, 46, dark brown
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Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795 ©
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Attractive lady, non-smoker, aged 57, GSOH. I enjoy eating in/out, seeing friends, theatre, animals, and WLTM similar, non-smoking male. Box 452498

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Genuine, caring lady, late 50s, slim & young looking, looking for a loyal, considerate, N/S male for long term relationship. Box 448566 ①

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CENUINE LADY
Attractive lady, 60's, Hastings, slim, 5f9. like animals, walking and socialising. I have a GSOH, and WLTM a tall, gent, for friendship, maybe LTR. Box 453327

Women

seeking women ANY OFFERS? Curvy female, 26, 5ft9, blue eyes, likes reading, painting, walks and nights in/out, WLTM an honest, sin-

cere and feminine female for a possible relationship. Box 452108

JUST A GIRL JUST A GIRL Bubbly, feminine, attractive lady seek-ing the same! I'm slim, athletic, blonde hair/blue eyes. I'm 28, and WLTM similar female. Box 878997 ①

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Down-to-earth, laid back guy, a father of 2, 5ft7, 35, brown eyes, shaved head. I enjoy eating out, swimming, films, and family time. Box 451418

CAN YOU PUT UP WITH ME?

out. Box 451503 ⊕

PM YOUR MAN

Hi I'm Dave, 37, 6ft, likes staying in
and going out, looking for a easygoing lemale for friendship leading to
more. Box 455105 or
GOOD CONVERSATIONS

Easygoing male, 37, GSOH, 5'5",
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454752 **⊕**BACK ON THE MARKET
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Margate man, 37, 6ft3, dark hair, nice
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tactile, with a GSOH. Box 423437 HOP ON!
Hi, I'm Mark, 6ft, slim/medium build, lots of interests including motorcycles.
WLTM a kind and honest female to share fun times and laughter with.
Box 445124

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TLC ON OFFER
Good-looking man, 40, 5ft7, medium
build, dark hair/brown eyes, like travelling, sport and adventures, looking
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friendship/romance. Hastings Box 450613

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LET'S BUILD A ROMANCE Hello, I'm Simon 43, single man in Kent own a construction co. Muscular

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adventure: Box 87/109 **G GENUINE AND RELIABLE**44yr old single man, 5ft11, slim, brown hair/eyes, likes nights out/days in, looking for a mature curvy female for friendship, good times, hopefully something lasting. Box 452924 **G**

DRIVE AWAY WITH ME 44yr old hard-working male, GSOH, 6ft, slim build, witm a honest lady for a honest, loving relationship. Box 454012 454912

HONEST, LOVING & CARING Easy-going single dad, 45, 6ft2, nor-mal build, enjoy sports, foreign travel, nights in/out, looking for a similar kind lady for future happiness. Canterbury Box 454039

YOUNG AT HEART
Dependable, easygoing guy, I love
animals, good food, music, films, good
conversation, country pubs. I'm 45,
with blue eyes, Box 446761

ROMANCE IS ALIVE 46yr old male, GSOH, looking or a bubbly female, 45-45, for romance and share the good things in life. Box

NEW BEGINNING NEW BEGINNING Sincere genuine man, 47, 5ft9, cropped hair, blue eyes, clean shaven, divorced, looking to meet a nice woman to get to know and take out. Eastbourne. Box 449554 ① ②

CAN'T SMILE WITHOUT YOU Carpenter with own house, 47, looking for a LTR, single mothers are welcome! Loves family life, cooking and beach walks. Box 449274 ①

beach wants. Box 4492/4 The HOW ABOUT IT?
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hair and green eyes, GSOH, likes eating out/in, cinema, drinks and travelling, WLTM my soulmate. Sheemess.
Box 454964 ♥

HAPPY TOGETHER White male, 47, 5ft7, N/S, easygoing loves a laugh, enjoys parks/concerts/romantic walks, WLTM female to be with. Nikki, please call back with contact details. Box 444339

SHARE THE GOOD LIFE Professional male, 45, own home/car, likes cinemas, weekends away, the coast, a BBQ and good wine, looking for friendship, hopefully more. Box 426202 • LOOKING FOR TRUE LOVE

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Gentle, honest and loving man, 49, like travelling, walks, quiet nights in, witm someone with similar interests. Box 454933 Box 454933 **⊕**LET'S SEE WHERE IT GOES...
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friendly, likes country music, meals in/out, looking for a female, to build a LTR with. Box 448346 A HAPPY LIFE TOGETHER A HAPPY LIFE TOGETHER
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educated, well-travelled, loyal and
moral. Looking for a caring lady, 5070, in Eastbourne. Box 453295
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Happygon, logic edges 5

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Men seeking men

ADVENTURE AND FUN GUAR-ANTEED Fit, young male, 41, 6ft, blond, green eyes, good build, likes keeping fit, nights out/in, seeking man, 25-40, 6ft+, well-built. Box 447518

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BREAK TIME

August calls the tune

KENT Music is offering workshops throughout August at its headquarters in Astley House, Maidstone.

Sessions begin with a steel drumming class today, where ten to 16 year olds can spend from 9am learning how to play the instrument, before performing an informal concert at 3pm.

African drumming is on offer to seven to 11 year olds tomorrow, from 1pm to 2pm, and those aged 11 and upwards from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

There will be African music and song-

writing on Wednesday, August 12, from 10am until 3.30pm. The whole family can join the choir in a day workshop from 10am to 3.30pm on Friday, August 14.

The steel drum, African music and choir in a day workshops cost £18.50. Adult African drumming costs £9 and the earlier session for youngsters £5.

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STARTING GUN: Work on the track began in March and is due for completion next month, when four-minute mile hero Sir Roger Bannister will open it

Four-minute mile hero to open track

BY ANNA WHITE

THE first man to run a mile in under four minutes will open a new athletics track at a Maidstone school.

Sir Roger Bannister will officially open the eight-lane floodlit track at Sutton Valence School on September

The £800,000 track will be used by young athletes in Maidstone and Medway and has already been declared an official training centre for the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

Work got under way in March and is due to be completed next month.

According to Paul Alcock, chairman of Maidstone and Medway Athletic Club, the track will be one of the finest in the region and a facility that Kent athletes have been looking forward to for 25 years.

Sir Roger became the first man to break the four-minute mile barrier on May 6, 1954.

His finishing time of three minutes and 59.4 seconds was a new world record, which was broken soon after.

But his achievement in beating the magical four-minute barrier is still regarded as one of the most memorable events in sporting history.

The athlete, who was knighted in 1975, has kept a keen interest in athletics and has served as both chairman of the Sports Council of Great Britain and president of the International Council for Sport and Recreation

Sir Roger will open the track in front of pupils, staff and invited guests.

Headteacher Bruce Grindlay said: "There has been an extraordinary amount of development at the school in the last four years.

"The new athletics track is the latest in a long line of investments which will benefit not only our students but the local community.

"We are proud of our sporting heritage and traditions, and it is a great honour for us to be able to welcome Sir Roger Bannister to officially open the new track.'

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Each week we get a mystery writer to air their views on living in and around Maidstone...

Have we made a habit of accepting the raw deal?

A MAJOR change in drug policing has been suggested by a leading think-tank and it's one which proponents of "zero tolerance" might find distinctly unpalatable.

The report, by the UK Drug Policy Commission, suggests that busting dealers and seizing their stash may not be the best way to deal with the growing issue of drugs.

Cocaine use has risen massively over the last few years and politicians are beginning to admit the current approach to drug enforcement is not working.

So instead of focusing simply on enforcing the law to the letter, the think-tank suggests a system which aims to minimise harm caused by the illegal drugs trade.

This throws up some interesting and highly controversial scenarios.

Arresting dealers has got to be the right

thing to do, hasn't it? Not necessarily according to the report, at least in terms of minimising harm to the community.

It argues that removing a well-established drug lord from an area could spark a violent turf war as rivals seek to fill the vacuum.

This leads to more deaths and violence on the street, which would have a more serious effect on the people living in the area than if the illegal trade had been allowed to continue unmolested.

And the final victor of the violent turf war may be even more ruthless and brutal than his predecessor.

So what would the police do instead?

The think-tank suggests moving the problem away from residential areas where children play, and on to industrial estates and less frequented parts of a town, minimising the damage to communities.

That's as may be, but I can't see business owners being that thrilled with the prospect of

drug deals happening on their doorsteps. But maybe this is the lesser of two evils?

And here I think is the point. The very fact that this report has been written suggests that it has come down to a choice between two pretty unsavoury options.

Either continue business as usual, and watch drug use rise and risk increased street violence and its consequences, or attempt to manipulate the situation which involves some criminals literally getting away with it.

It's hardly an encouraging position is it? Yet it's good that these issues are at least being talked about and it's clear the problem of illegal drugs has no simple solution.

To read the UK Drug Policy Commission report see www.ukdpc.org.uk

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TALK TIME

LAURA SHAVE

The PCSO for three villages near Maidstone talks about how fly-tipping has become a major issue and how she aims to tackle it



Which areas do you cover?
Boughton Monchelsea, Chart Sutton and Loose.

What does your role involve?

My main role is to reassure the public of Kent Police's pledge to tackle crime and to offer advice on crime prevention and security. I interact with the community, especially young people and the vulnerable, through working with agencies such as schools and community partners. I also provide visibility on the streets with foot patrols.

What are the main issues raised by residents?

Fly-tipping and speeding. Recently we have had concerns about abandoned cars on smaller roads.

How do you address these?

Working with the community warden, we keep records of people without a licence who abandon rubbish, or take note of suspicious vehicles and report them to the council or trading standards. Regular speed checks are carried out on the roads.

How can people get in touch with you?

Residents can reach me on my mobile 07772 226065 or by contacting the rural office on 01622 604392. My email is maidstonerural.neighbourhood@kent.pnn.police.uk.

I organise surgeries for residents to speak to me personally and discuss any issues. The next is at Boughton Monchelsea village hall on August 18 from 7pm-8pm.

YOUR LETTERS

In buoyant mood thanks to you all



On behalf of the organisers of the Hospital Radio Maidstone Soundstage at the 30th anniversary Maidstone River Festival, I would like to thank the following for their respective invaluable contributions to a very special and successful event.

Firstly our sponsors, Water For Work, Coca-Cola Schweppes, 777 Environmental, Globe Scaffolding and Sitemaster for their kind donations and generous assistance.

Then our backstage team of Hospital Radio Maidstone volunteers, most of whom worked tirelessly on Friday afternoon and evening, and then from early Saturday morning into the small hours of Sunday.

The sound engineering team from Audiocrew supplied and ran our excellent PA rig faultlessly, enabling all of the bands to use their own equipment – a unique feature for events of this kind.

A big thank you goes to our superb bands – Jokin' Apart, Get Carter, Chevron, (who stepped in at the last minute) Green Diesel, Venture South, The Mofos, Billy Wears Dresses, The Very Wonderful Long Teddies, Wob and headliners The Counterfeit Beatles. All the bands played

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free, many of them travelling from afar, each giving individually stunning performances.

But, once again, the biggest thanks of all must go to the festivalgoers, many of whom stayed throughout to cheer us on in the afternoon and evening, dancing into the night to music performed by gifted and generous musicians. Thank you, Maidstone.

Martin Haskell, stage manager HRM Soundstage, by email

A sporting chance is passing Kent by

With the news that England seems to be hosting just about every sporting world championship in the next decade, I was interested to see how many events will take place in Kent.

The answer is none, I'm afraid. There are loads in London, as you would expect, but nothing in the Garden of England.

I suppose it shows the lack of facilities we have, but I can't help thinking it's a real shame.

Helen Lavender, by email



Water, water everywhere ...

So water companies may be forced by industry regulator Ofwat to slash their prices.

Well, with the downpours we have had in recent weeks there certainly should be enough of it to go round.

When the earlier forecasts of

When the earlier forecasts of fine weather came out I thought to myself it would be an excuse to introduce rationing, hosepipe bans and all the other things these companies seem to love.

They can have no complaints

They can have no complaints about supplies available to them now and should be able to reduce prices to help families struggling in the recession.

Terry Hayes, East Malling, by email

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Friday, September 25, and you can eat cake to your heart's content and still feel good.

Last year, Kent raised more than £180,000 through coffee mornings across the county. This helped fund such things as the 120 countywide team of Macmillan professionals and contributed towards the £232,367 of financial grants.

To allow Macmillan to continue providing support to people affected by cancer, we are urging Kent to make their coffee count and get behind World's Biggest Coffee Morning. The event couldn't be easier to take part in. All you need are a few friends, a kettle and some tasty treats. And although the fundraiser takes place next month, don't let that hold you back. You can hold your coffee morning any day, anywhere, at any time. It doesn't matter if you raise £10 or £200, because every penny makes a difference.

With more than 7,000 people being diagnosed with cancer each year across the county, there has never been a more important time to get involved, particularly as Macmillan is fundraising for the new cancer care unit for Swale and

So join the rest of the UK for the World's Biggest Coffee Morning. To hold your own coffee morning, call 0845 602 1246, quoting ref RNA 10, or visit www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee and register online.

> Helen Evans, Kent fundraiser, Macmillan Cancer Support, by email



Such slow progress

Regarding last week's blog, I have just one thing to say: technology doesn't speed up transactions, it slows them down.

Paying by card in a queue in either a supermarket or at a station is far slower than just handing over cash, even when everything runs smoothly. At least half of the time the number is entered wrongly, or the card not read properly, or some other nonsense.

To pay for a ticket for £19 means if you hand over a £20 note the whole thing is over in a matter of seconds.

To use a card, wait for tickets and then a receipt takes ten times as

long. It's the same when buying the weekly shopping. It takes ages to stand behind people who clearly don't really know how to use cards.

Bring back old-fashioned cash. Clive Griggs, by email

Play safe in summer

With the school holidays here, I would like to appeal to parents to ensure their children stay safe by staying out of quarries this summer.

Already this year, two teenage boys have been killed in quarries.

A 15-year-old drowned at a quarry in Derbyshire, while an 18-year-old fell to his death in Warwickshire.

Both quarries were old workings protected by fences

The danger is real and the Mineral Products Association is raising awareness to try to prevent any more tragic deaths. The message is simple: Stay Safe ... Stay
Out. It is not only illegal to trespass in quarries, but it also extremely dangerous.

Our members take their responsibilities seriously. Many liaise with local schools, are in regular contact with emergency services and maintain their fencing. Some sites even use CCTV and security guards.

But we need the help of parents, teachers and youth workers.

Please keep your children safe by ensuring they are aware of the dan-gers posed by trespassing in your local quarry.

> Simon van der Byl. executive director. Mineral Products Association, by email

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BRÜNO (18)



Sacha Baron Cohen adopts the role of gay, crass, insolent fashionista Brüno from Austria, who tours the US looking to set up unsuspecting locals with his outrageous brand of 'interviewing'

THE PRIVATE LIVES OF PIPPA LEE (15)



Robin Wright Penn stars as Pippa Lee, a woman heading for a mental breakdown after moving to a retirement village with her older husband, and subsequently has an affair with her friend's son.

Denzel's weighty role is not what doctor ordered

■ BY SHEREEN LOW

ACTOR Denzel Washington has managed to stay under the radar for more than a year.

Since the release of American Gangster and The Great Debaters in 2007, the Oscar-winning star has enjoyed a rare period of peace away from the glare of publicity.

"Between films I just get on with my normal

life," says the 54-year-old, proudly. Washington, who has been married to wife Pauletta for 25 years and has four grown-up children, is clear on how he has achieved what many celebrities can only dream of – managing to live his personal life in private and not splashed all over the tabloids.

"My life is kind of regular, private and normal," he admits, with an unapologetic shrug.

The sole reason for doing this interview is to promote his new nail-biting thriller, The Taking Of Pelham 123.

In the remake of the 1974 movie, he plays Walter Garber, a New York City subway dispatcher who gets caught in the middle of hostage negotiations during a subway hijacking.

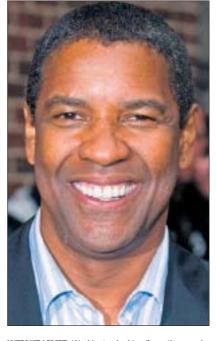
"After playing Frank Lucas in American Gangster, I wasn't looking to play a big-time drug dealer next and that was my only criteria for this one," he explains.

The respected actor-director is almost unrecognisable because he had to pile on the pounds to play Walter, an opportunity he made the most of.

"I had been heading that way and so I went with it and kept going," Washington revealed. "You just don't exercise, eat late, have that

burger, fries, shake and dessert, and you can get there really easy!'

He adds: "I embraced it and really liked that



WEIGHT LIMIT: Washington had to pile on the pounds

aspect of this character that made him human and normal, struggling with the same things we all struggle with."

The extra weight – combined with a recent operation – posed a few problems for the actor, especially during the running scenes.

"I had just had knee surgery and it was heavily wrapped and the last thing the doctor said was, 'Don't do any running'," he recalls.

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"When you see me run, that is 18 or 19 takes of me running really hard so that was challenging because then your ego is involved and you are thinking, I can't be out here huffing and puffing and looking bad', even though I'm overweight and had surgery."

Washington, who was raised in New York but now lives in Los Angeles, admits he enjoyed returning to his home town for the shoot.

"Tve done a lot of movies in New York and to

me, it was like home," he reminisces.
The Taking Of Pelham 123 teams
Washington with John Travolta for their first on-screen adventure together.

"I didn't know him, but I'd met him before. It was an interesting relationship and interesting the way it developed, the way it did in the film."



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Starry-eyed Julie returns

Legendary folk icon is still going aged 70

JULIE FELIX

Saturday, August 8 Granville Theatre, Ramsgate



CALIFORNIAN singer-songwriter Julie Felix became a folk icon when she arrived in Britain in the 60s.

She became the first solo folk artist to be signed by a major British record label and was truly taken to the heart of her adopted nation.

At the age of 71, she has enjoyed a career that spans five decades and still commands a loyal following.

This weekend she visits Kent to showcase the songs that have made her such a successful artist.

Felix arrived in Britain in 1964, having hitchhiked through Europe with her guitar. Before long she had made history by signing with influential record label Decca and later became the first British-based folk singer to perform at the Royal Albert Hall.

Colour

As resident singer on The Frost Report, she impressed television bosses enough to land her own BBC series, the Corporation's first to be broadcast in colour.

Her admiration for the work of Bob Dylan became apparent very early in her career, with a cover of When The Ship Comes In featuring on her second album.

She followed this with another record, Julie Felix Sings Bob Dylan & Woody Guthrie, and would release another album of his tracks in 2002, called Starry Eyed and Laughing.

During the 70s she had more success while signed to legendary producer Mickie Most's RAK label. But the 80s would see Felix taking a break from the music industry for a few years and returning to her native California.

Several years later, she returned to music after witnessing the injustices suffered by the indigenous people of Central America and felt inspired to write and sing again.

Although she spends most of her time in Britain, she also has a home in California.

But touring has always been a big



THE SHIP COMES IN: Popular singer Julie Felix will be performing in Ramsgate

part of her life and she still enjoys the magic that comes with performing live on stage in front of appreciative audiences.

In June last year she celebrated her 70th birthday with a sell-out gig at

Gateshead's Sage Theatre and her subsequent tour of Ireland also sold out every venue.

The performance starts at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10/£9. To book call the box office on 01843 591750.



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For an extra charge, visitors can get their faces painted or enjoy a tractor and trailer ride.

Between 11am and 3pm this Sunday, the Children's History Hunt will return to help youngsters learn about the past in a fun and lively way. As they follow the trail they will encounter fascinating historical figures



linked to Kent, such as Pocahontas, Anne Boleyn and Charles Dickens. This event costs an additional £3.50 per child and they will also have the chance to win a

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10am to 6pm at weekends and 10am to 5pm on weekdays. Admission costs £7.50/ £6.50 for adults and £5.50 for children.

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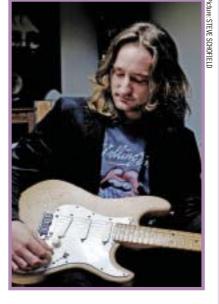
BEN MILLS Friday, August 14 Pizza Express, Maidstone

THREE years on from his success on X-Factor, Ben Mills is still winning over audiences with his natural talent.

In 2006 the singer-songwriter from Whitstable won the support of the judges and particularly his mentor, Sharon Osbourne, from his very first audition for the TV talent show. He went on to finish third in the compe-BMG. He released his debut album, Picture of You, in March 2007 and has continued to build on the army of fans he won during his live performances on the show.

As well as playing the guitar and piano, Mills is a talented songwriter. Over the last year he has been writing and recording material for his new album, which will showcase the soulful voice that made him such a favourite with viewers.

The show starts in the Music Room at 7pm and tickets cost £25. Early booking is recommended. To book visit the website at www. pizzaexpresslive.co.uk.



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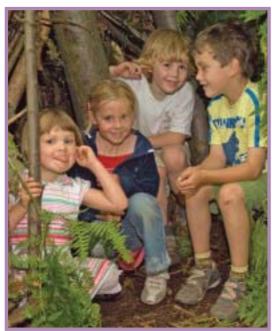
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Young visitors between nine and 13 are invited to take part in a sensory walk around the site, giving them the chance to learn more about Bedgebury's impressive tree collection. Participants should be prepared to sniff, touch, listen to and look at the specimens as they discover just how fascinating trees can be.

Boasting nearly 10,000 trees and shrubs from five continents, many of them rare or endangered, the 300-acre National Pinetum has the finest conifer collection on one site in the world. There are lots of family activities to enjoy, from walking and cycling to the Go Ape aerial adventure course.

The session runs from 10am to noon and pre-booking is essential. It costs £5



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MAIDSTONE LEISURE

Multicultural sounds on offer at workshop

DISCOVER your rhythm as Kent Music's summer workshops continue.

Next Wednesday people are invited to explore African music and song writing at Astley House, Maidstone, with multicultural music activities.

A concert will showcase the day's work. The workshop runs from 10am to 3.30pm and admission is £18.50, call 01622 691212 or email info@kent-music.com.

Youngsters to entertain with free park concert

ENJOY a day of music for free as Jam in the Park returns to Brenchley Gardens.

The concert takes place in the Maidstone park at noon on Saturday and will continue until 6pm. The participants were selected by students from NLL Cornwallis and the concert features the town's younger music enthusiasts.

For more information take a look online at www.tour-maidstone.com.

Time to start thinking about Christmas now

WITH less than five months to go until Christmas, the Hop Farm has announced its new festive event.

Families are being urged to book now if they would like to attend Santa's Magical Kingdom, a festive spectacular from November 14 to December 24.

Tickets cost from £25 per person and can be booked at www.santasmagical kingdom.co.uk.

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The Ambience are ready to make an even bigger noise

BY SIMON ROBINSON

IF there was a musical Ronseal Award for 'doing exactly what they say on the tin' it would most definitely go to The Ambience.

The Medway-based five-piece describe their sound as "ambient, indie, shoegaze". It stands to reason.

If only other bands and artists followed suit. The Kaiser Chiefs would be known as All Our Songs Sound the Same, McFly would be out Strigs South the Salite, McFly Would be re-named Busted Part Two and James Blunt... well, we'll leave that one there.

But I digress. The Ambience will be playing at The Beacon Court Tavern, Gillingham, on

Saturday. Support on the night comes from Let Our Enemies Beware.

The Ambience's guitarist Matt Ashdown said fans can expect to hear a number of new tracks, including forthcoming single Starrs.

He said: "You can expect a bigger sound from The Ambience as, musically, our new stuff has delved further into shoegaze and post-rock territory.

"Lots of noises and extra reverb pedals – for ear melting purposes. We're trying to bridge the gap between our accessible sound and our 'wall of sound' dabbling, which is why we're wanting to play gigs with bands like Let Our Enemies Beware – so that people can maybe hear us with a different mindset.

"Let Our Enemies Beware are a band I've put on myself several times now and I love what they do.

The Canterbury Street venue has filled its August gig diary, with Feed the Rhino, Maker



UPFRONT: The Ambience (above) will be supported by Let Our Enemies Beware (right) at Beacon Court Tavern

and The Kids Unique all set to headline in the coming weeks.

Beacon Court bosses have also booked Snakebite - a Whitesnake tribute band - to perform. For more information visit www.beaconcourttavern.co.uk

Enemies Beware, £3

Saturday 15 - Feed the Rhino plus quests, £4

Saturday 22 - Snakebite, Whitesnake tribute, £5 Saturday 29 - The Kids Unique plus guests, £4

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CROWD PLEASER: Kinaskin performing at the Create Festival in Ashford.



NOTE PERFECT: My Last Mistake play their own song Carving Out My Heart.



TOP FIVE KENT GIGS

1 Gristlefridge – The Westcoast Bar Margate, Aug 13 2 Los Salvadores – The Ivy Leaf Sheerness, Aug 15

- 3 My Last Mistake Canterbury Tales Pub Gillingham, Aug 28
- 4 Directions The Walnut Tree Eccles, Aug 31 5 Kayley Weller – Three Horseshoes Mongham, Sep 19

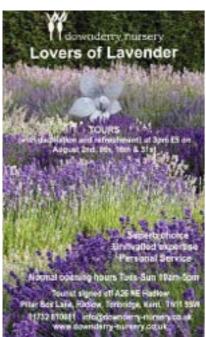


Saturday August 8 - The Ambience, Sparrows, Let Our

Friday 21 - Maker plus support, £4









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Lifestyle showcase to attract working mums

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On Saturday the Tunbridge Wells Mums in Business group will be exhibiting goods from a diverse range of businesses. Working mums get advice about alternative and creative ways of working.

The event will be held in The Pantiles from 10am-4pm. For more information about the group visit www.twmumsinbusiness.wordpress.com.

Irene in line to become UK's top savvy shopper

A KENT woman has reached the final of Nectar's search for the UK's Savviest Shopper:

Irene Hall, from Hawkinge, submitted her top tip which was to never throw anything away. Her tips include drying orange peel in the oven and crushing it to use in her cookery.

Irene faces competition from ten other

finalists to win the title. Readers can vote for her and find other tips online at

Young bookworms can go to cinema for free

CHILDREN can enjoy a free cinema admission at Bluewater if they read a

The Bookworm Wednesdays scheme is running at the Showcase Cinema for five weeks during the summer holidays. Children can see a selected film for free at 10am every Wednesday until August 26 if they first present a book report at the box office. Accompanying guardians and children under six go free without submitting a book report

Irish hospitality starts with ten euro voucher

THE new Irish airport tax of ten euros should not prevent people travelling to the Emerald Isle if they stay in a Fitzgerald Group hotel.

The company is offering all guests a ten euros voucher on arrival when they show a valid booking and airline or ferry ticket, even though the tax does not apply to ferry terminals. The offer is available online at www.arlington.ie or www.arlingtonhoteltemplebar.com or www.louisfitzgeraldhotel.com.

Footballer's frustration good for stylish babies

TRENDY baby products are available for less with the sale at Mummy's Online Baby Shop.

The company was set up by former Chelsea and Leeds footballer Michael Duberry and his wife, when they became frustrated at being unable to find stylish and original products for their children.

Discounts of up to 50 per cent will be available until Friday, August 14. To see the full range visit the website at www.mummysonlinebabyshop.com.

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YOUR TV REVIEW

BY TOM BETTS



BBC Two

WE are being swamped with shows

Bargain Hunt, Cash in the Attic, Flog It... the list goes on.

I didn't know there were enough people in Britain with an interest in pointless old stuff to justify the deluge, but then maybe there are just too many people with too much time on their hands.

Having left Bargain Hunt, the show which made him famous, David Dickinson has returned to the fold to front his own show.

He stopped Hunt-ing to move on to bigger and better things but it cannot have taken off as he'd hoped.

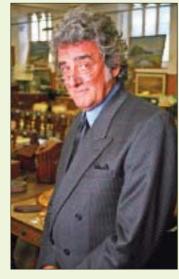
It's a bit like when a star of EastEnders leaves to "take Hollywood by storm" only to make no impact and return to our screens three years later looking sheepish and embarrassed in trash like Hotel Babylon.

It sticks to the well-worn formula and The Duke is clearly in his element, acting it up, looking as tanned as ever and sporting the kind of bouffant hair that should require some kind of licence.

But you have to ask the question: does anyone really care if Bob and Margaret, from Poole, try and make a £10 profit on some old bit of toot picked up at the local bore-fest? This it the TV equivalent of junk mail, pointless and uninteresting.

It's quite a well-known fact that The Duke spent three years in prison for fraud as a young man, but he never served time at Her Majesty's pleasure for crimes against television.

He should have done, he would



REAL DEAL: David Dickinson's back on our TVs

have received a life sentence.

I am not a huge car person, but have always watched and enjoyed Top Gear. The reason it became so popular was because it did something with cars that no-one else was doing and revelled in doing the outrageous.

However, the formula is so tried and tested, after umpteen series, that it all feels a little by the numbers now, and, for me, a lot of the fun has been drained out of it.

The races and challenges have started to get predictable, and that

was a key element of the show. It's still pulling in huge viewing figures, but the series ended on Sunday and I kind of hope they manage to come up with a few new ideas for the next one to keep things fresh.

Also, it's hard to take tips on what is cool and uncool from men dressed as badly, and with such bad haircuts, as Messrs Clarkson, Hammond and May.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19) OVERINDULGING in food and drink is taking a

toll on your health. It's hard to find the energy for things you need to do when your system is overtaxed. Stay away from friends who encourage bad habits. Don't be surprised if several would be wooers come out of the woodwork.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Aquarius 09067-531762

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21) SOMEBODY'S false compliments are giving you a skewed picture of reality. Be more sceptical of overblown praise. This week could see you reach a career milestone, resulting in a bigger pay cheque. You've been blessed with lots of artistic talent. Put it to use now, while you have a chance. To find out more about what the stars have in

store call Russell on Taurus 09067-531753

LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23) IT may be wise to put some distance between you and a solicitous colleague. They are pretending to be your friend because they want something. This is a good time to negotiate a raise, or at least some better work assignment, as you're more productive than your colleagues.

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SOMEBODY may try to push you into an arrangement that goes against your conscience. You need to stand firm against temptation. It's possible they will even try to use their seductive charms if they have any. Stay close to supportive friends. They'll keep you grounded.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20) PEER pressure could be stopping you doing some-thing you love. Don't be so self conscious about doing what you want to do. Who cares what others think? A close friend gives you an added dose of courage. Stick close to them when it comes to pursuing a cherished dream.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22) RESIST the urge to indulge in retail therapy. Spending money on luxuries could plunge you into debt. You need to think about your long-term security. Putting down firm roots is a good idea. Don't be surprised if your boss widens your territory or

asks you to live overseas. • To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Gemini 09067-531754

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23) FRIENDS are worried that you are losing your heart to someone who doesn't deserve it. Resist the urge to turn away when they express concern. You need to be more assertive with the object of your affection. If you suffer from jealousy you need to build up your self-esteem.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov23-Dec21) SOMEONE could try to trick you out of your hardearned cash. Štand up for yourself. It would be a tragedy if you jeopardised your financial security. If you're looking for work, this would be a good time to go on interviews. Good news could arrive by the end of the week

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)
YOU'RE having an internal conflict between work and pleasure. Part of you wants nothing more than to stay home with your loved ones. The other half yearns to be a success in your chosen career. Strike a balance. This is your big chance to tell a friend how much they mean to you. • To find out more about what the stars have in

store call Russell on Aries 09067-531752

CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23) THE temptation to use your sex appeal to manipulate others is overwhelming. You know how much a person admires you. Pretending to share their feelings will be a cruel deception. You're better off appealing to their rational side. That way, nobody can accuse you of being underhanded.

• To find out more about what the stars have in

store call Russell on Cancer 09067-531755

LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct23) JUST because you look great to the world doesn't mean all is well. Your flawless image is hiding some serious inner turmoil. You need to come to terms with feelings of anger, pain, and frustration. However, that doesn't mean abandoning a loved one or trading one lifestyle for another.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Libra 09067-531758

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20) IF a romantic relationship is going to survive you need to be a little more kind and considerate. Lately, you've been focused on your own needs. This has caused you to snub the object of your affection. Take this opportunity to do something nice on their behalf.

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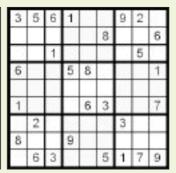
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ACROSS

- 1 Odd collection of Biblical characters (3-3)
- 4 Queen isn't commonly fanciful (6)
- **10** Face irate eccentric in eatery (9)
- 11 Became motionless when water became ice (5)
- **12** Symbolic maths (7)
- 13 Considered even if before time (7)
- 14 Choosing the best fruit? (6-7)
- 16 With little warning by ad! (2,5,6)
- **21** Eggs returned to rotter who had nothing more than a pear (7)
- 22 One flying in from Granada via Torremolinos (7)
- 24 Picture fashionable clique (5)
- 25 Forthright ditch worker (9)
- 26 Being cunning in a vulpine way (6)
- 27 At college my clue was cracked (6)

DOWN

- 1 Sailor gave most of beer to the beast (6)
- 2 Obscure expeditionary force leaders in unstable ground (5)
- **3** Commander to be right for a month (7)
- **5** Remove clothing from the cloth (7)
- **6** Artificial origin can materialise (9)
- **7** Score five boundaries (6)
- 8 Big place on Isle of Wight or in Norfolk (5,8)
- **9** Beast damaging mat in cable-car! (8,5)
- 15 Beat a shot in cricket (3,3,3)
- ${f 17}$ Become cheerful near the disaster (7)
- **18** Nervous idiot going over churchyard (7) **19** Seaman provided female with price list (6)
- **20** Promote movement not round for the time being (3,3)
- 23 In Sumatra Denis to do business (5)

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OUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- **1** Opinion (6)
- 4 Frequent fliers (3,3)
- 10 Contrariwise (4,5)
- 11 Trio (5)
- 12 Spiced herring (7)
- 13 Kind son (anag.) (3-4)
- **14** Flash of light (13) **16** Actually (2,5,2,4)
- **21** Avoiding contact with others (7)

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- 22 Canal footway (7)
- **24** Two pints (5)
- **25** Food (9) **26** Lure (6)
- **27** Fanatic (6)

DOWN

- 1 Braved (anag.) (6)
- 2 Talkative (5)
- 3 Primitive person (7)
- **5** Having died out (7)
- **6** Delete (6,3)
- **7** With it (6)
- 8 Writing a letter (8,1,4)
- **9** Informal name for Mississippi (8,5)
- 15 Russian astronaut (9)
- 17 Inhabitant of largest continent (7)
- 18 Not a tall building (3-4)
- 19 Person from NE Spain (6)
- 20 Isle in NE Kent (6)
- **23** Gazelle (5)

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Cash in on natural wonderland

BY WESLEY JOHNSON

WHILE Iceland sucked in cash from hapless UK savers before its banks crashed it has also welcomed Britons surprised how cheap it is to visit there.

Setting out from the capital of Reykjavik, less than a three-hour flight from the UK, I found that the city soon gives way to moss-covered lava fields, snow-capped mountains and ever-changing glaciers, interspersed with geothermal pools, geysers and powerful waterfalls.

Our driver Ragnar, who runs tours in a customised superjeep, avoided the overcrowded tourist trails while taking in Iceland's Golden Circle, a trio of the south coast's highlights.

The island's precarious position on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, where the North American and European tectonic plates meet, accounts for the almost entirely volcanic origin of its rocks. With the plates still moving, Iceland grows at about half an inch per year. The landscape, however, is unbelievably barren.

Volcanic eruptions occur once every three to five years, but many are concealed by the island's ice caps, which cover roughly 12 per cent of the country.

of the country.

As the land underfoot constantly changes, Iceland hosts a series of spouting hot springs heated deep underground, which erupt through fissures in the ground.

At Strokkur (meaning 'churn'), one of the most popular sites, jets of hot water shoot 100 feet into the air every few minutes, drenching unsuspecting tourists, before being swallowed into the ground beneath once more.

Just ten minutes of standing in rain and biting wind – waiting for that elusive perfect photograph of the geyser – left my frozen face.



SIT BACK AND RELAX: Iceland's famous Blue Lagoon is a geothermal spa fed by the water output of a nearby power plant

Waterproofs and warm clothes are a must, even in spring with temperatures about four degrees Celsius.

Summertime in Iceland brings endless daylight and lush green panoramas broken only by the many colourful wild flowers. While the warmth nurtures nature back to vibrant life, the local calendar bulges with a myriad of events and activities.

Geographically only slightly smaller than England, Iceland has a population of around 300,000 – about the same as Coventry.

While its unspoiled landscape provides a chance to escape from it all, your weekend will have its surreal moments.

Sitting in a hot tub, looking out on Mt Hekla
– one of Europe's highest volcanoes – I saw the
weather change from sunshine to snow to hail
to rain and back again within 40 minutes or so.

The hot tub in question was outside the Hotel Ranga, a countryside resort that welcomes its guests with a ten-foot polar bear in the foyer and a gourmet restaurant serving smoked puffin, among other local delicacies.

The south coast offers the prospect of some thrilling off-road driving. When we stepped from our superjeep to see a glacier melting and retreating before us, no other soul was around.

But for tranquillity and relaxation, you can't beat the famous Blue Lagoon, a geothermal spa fed by the water output of a nearby power plant. Its water stays at about 30-40C, is rich in silica and is known for its positive effects on the skin.

While I remain unconvinced that I will look young forever despite slapping all that white goo on my face, the waterfall offers an invigorating massage, taking you back to nature in a stunning setting amid craggy black lava.

FACT FILE: ICELAND

Time diffe	rence None
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Language	Icelandic
Population	300,000
Currency	£1 equals 206 Icelandic Krona
Religion	Lutheran
Climate	Subpolar Oceanic

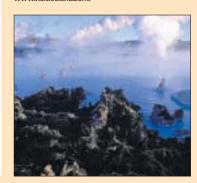
Travel facts

Wesley Johnson was a guest of Iceland Express, which flies daily from Gatwick to Reykjavik from £69 single, including taxes. Reservations: 0870 240 5600 and www.icelandexpress.com.

Discover the World offers three-night Reykjavik city break from £380pp, four-night self-drive itinerary from £602 and three-night escorted Superjeep Weekend Safari from £756.

Prices, based on two travelling until August, includes Iceland Express flights ex-Gatwick and B&B accom. Reservations: 01737 218 800 and visit www.discover-the-world.co.uk.

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PROPERTY NEWS

Council tax hike feared for homes with a view

HOMEOWNERS with properties having sea views or outlooks over rivers could end up paying more council tax, according to a national newspaper.

A story in the Daily Telegraph says the country's 22 million homes are being valued for council tax purposes on a range of factors including views, proximity to parks or the peacefulness of the street on which they are located.

The newspaper claims at least 100,000 homes have already been identified for higher taxes on the basis of their views and the information is being used to 'code' each property, which is expected to be used to set council tax after the next election.

The story says there are growing fears that Labour will increase council tax for millions of middle-class homeowners if the party is re-elected.

Every property in England is currently placed into one of eight council tax bands,

depending on its value.

These valuations are based on property prices of the early 1990s, long before the property market boom.

Council tax bills for each band are then set by individual local authorities.

A revaluation was due to be conducted in 2007, but was postponed until after the next election. The Government has consistently denied conducting a national council tax revaluation.

The Valuation Agency, which rates properties for council tax, said it was important to maintain an accurate database

Fall in average time it takes to sell a property

HOUSE prices were unchanged in July for the third month running, housing market analyst Hometrack said, suggesting the slump in the property sector may finally have come to an end.

Hometrack's monthly survey has reported zero per cent changes to house prices in May, June and July, but the analyst said it had seen some positive signs of an up-turn over the past four weeks.

The number of new buyers registering with estate agents rose by 2.8 per cent last month, Hometrack said, while the average time on the market for a property before selling fell to nine weeks, from 9.4 weeks in June.

Just three per cent of postcodes nationwide saw a decline in average prices, it added, while the typical buyer is now achieving a sale price of 91.5 per cent of their asking price.



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Conflicting reports over state of housing market

BY NICK AMES

GOOD housing news has emerged in recent days following the release of the latest figures for the property market.

Property website Rightmove has reported a 0.6 per cent rise in asking prices in July, taking the average vendor's stated amount to £227,864.

The property portal suggests that given June's slight fall of 0.4 per cent, the UK housing market could remain in a 'steady state' during the second half of 2009.

However, experts are warning people not to get too carried away as they have introduced cautionary notes to a recent upsurge in values while some forecasts say the market will not

be fully stable for three years.

According to Rightmove, the best time to pick up a bargain may have passed already, with a 'price undershoot' at the end of 2008, that appears to have rectified itself this spring.

The firm's commercial director Miles Shipside said: "There is now clear evidence that there were some fire sale prices last winter, when a few brave buyers correctly called the bottom of the market.

Furthermore, buyer activity on Rightmove's website has not seen the normal June and July tail-off, with the number of pages viewed remaining at 97 per cent of its spring high, compared to 79 per cent during the same period of last year.

July has also seen the number of new sellers at its highest so far this year, at 21,364

While the figure is still well below the historic norm of around 35,000, it represents a 20 per cent increase on the same period of 2008.



WHAT'S THE TRUTH? Leading property website Rightmove claims the housing market will remain 'steady' for 2009

However, Mr Shipside added: "Many properties sold so far this year have been empty and therefore their sellers have lower price expectations.
"This new batch of more discretionary sellers

will be under less financial pressure to negotiate, but must accept that their buyer will be looking to do a deal as much as they are."

But other predictions are not so optimistic. The National Institute of Economic and Social Research is predicting that the UK housing market will only return to growth in 2012.

The forecast, from Britain's oldest independent economic research body, says that recent reports of 'green shoots' are purely down to a lack of properties for sale and will be short-lived.

With mortgage approvals for house buyers having plummeted 40 per cent on a year ago and showing a 65 per cent decline on pre-credit crisis days, the institute dismisses talk of house price stabilisation and recovery.

It states it will be three years before the market returns to a buoyant level.

Developer targeting those looking to rent

A PROPERTY developer is offering homes to buy at a cost of around £82 per week.

Hillreed Homes is targeting those looking at committing to a six or 12-month rental agreement by offering brand new apartments in Maidstone available for £331 per calendar month.

The apartments are at Orchard House, Hazlitt Drive, and have just been completed by the developers

They are described by Hillreed as: "Contemporary, high quality one and two-bedroom apartments serviced by a lift to all floors within an area of established, suburban houses, creating a quiet environment in which to live.

"First-time buyers often do not realise that owning their own home and getting on the property ladder is not as daunting as they think," said Jo Richards, marketing and corporate manager.

"A global recession like the one we are experiencing is virtually unprecedented, so those who take advantage of the lower priced properties will, within a year or two, really come to realise what a superb purchase they have made in terms of capital growth.

"As a company established over 30 years and with head offices in the heart of Maidstone, we have worked closely with buyers in Kent for many years.

"We understand their dreams and aspirations, and build homes to meet these needs.

"During the recent months when things have been tough we have been able to offer help in a variety of ways, including offering the services of our financial advisors who give independent advice on the best products available.

"For homes up to £250,000 the company will subsidise your mortgage interest rate down to three per cent for two years.

"We have also been nurturing the 'Bank of Mum and Dad' as we realised that assistance from parents could be a successful investment for both parties particularly as interest on conventional sav-

ings accounts is very small.
"With property prices at their lowest for some years, but with prices 'bottoming out', parents have found this an interesting investment opportunity."

The company said news deals on mortgages mean now is an excellent time to start looking at buying a first home.

Ms \bar{R} ichards added: "Renting is a no-win situation for a tenant.

"You are no further forward in terms of actual worth and your rent could go up. Buying a home and having control of your destiny is without doubt the way forward for most people."

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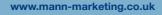
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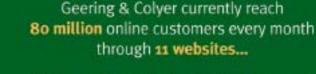
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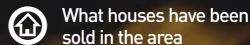
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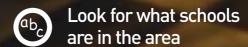
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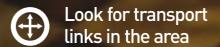
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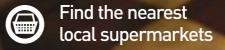
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Panda population hits the 1.5 million mark

FIAT'S Panda economy car has passed the 1.5 million production mark.

It still has a long way to go and will probably never beat the VW Beetle – 21-plus million were produced without major changes from 1938 to 2003 – because Fiat will surely develop an all-new version to stay competitive in today's fast-changing market. Nevertheless, it's impressive for a car launched just six years ago.

The former European Car of the Year has also supplied the underpinnings of the current cult car, the Fiat 500.



Peugeot attacking all fronts with crossover

PEUGEOT says its new 3008 crossover will be available from November starting at £15,995.

Clearly inspired by the Nissan Qashqai, the versatile newcomer is expected to rival many cars that offer elements of its high-riding SUV cum MPV style, such as the VW Golf Plus, Citroën C4 Picasso, VW Tiguan and Ford Focus C-Max.

It will be pitched as "a conventional car for daily use, the family car for weekends and holidays and the adventurous vehicle for those with an active life style".



Audi launches practical vet stylish new number

AUDI is effectively launching an A4 hatchback, but billing it as a five-door version of the closely related A5 coupé. Furthermore, it will enjoy a sexier

Furthermore, it will enjoy a sexier label than 'hatchback' when it arrives in October priced from £25,440 – Audi has applied the 'Sportback' suffix already used to glamorise the five-door A3.

Industry watchers are now arguing whether it will attract new sales for Audi or simply cannibalise existing sales of the A4 saloon or its Avant estate sister—its boot capacity almost equals the latter.



COMEBACK TRAIL: Ford will be hoping that its new green machine the Mondeo ECOnetic will claw back some of sales it has lost in a sector which, until fairly recently, it dominated

Greener Mondeo aims to claw back its sector

MARKET shorthand for the classic family car cum company motor continues to be 'Mondeo sector'.

It underlines Ford's decades of domination in that particular arena, but upmarket upstarts like the BMW 3-Series and Audi A4 carved lumps off in recent years and Vauxhall's svelte new Insignia has outsold it so far this year.

Perhaps Ford's latest Mondeo model will stop the march of these rivals though, especially as it is also one of the greenest in the sector.

it is also one of the greenest in the sector. It is the new six-speed 2.0-litre, 115PS (113bhp) Mondeo ECOnetic offering a potential average of 54mpg and claimed 64mpg for motorway cruising, CO2 emissions of just 139g/km translating into Band E (£120/year) road tax and low benefit-in-kind taxation for company car user choosers.

Priced from £20,795 it is sold in five-door hatch or estate form, both versions featuring familiar 'eco' aids including low-rolling resistance tyres, optimum gear change indicator and better aerodynamics, a rear spoiler and sports suspension to lower the car.

And while the ECOnetic is intended to be miserly on fuel, there is no sign inside that it

ROAD TEST FORD MONDEO

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Green rating	****

is an austerity model. Add-ons include dualzone automatic temperature control, Bluetooth connectivity with voice control for the phone and sound system, cruise control, seven airbags and heated front windscreen.

The new engine option supplements the existing 1.8-litre, 125PS (123bhp) Mondeo ECOnetic, but feels a lot smoother and should help Ford boost its eco-friendly sub-brand this year — more Mondeo customers bought an ECOnetic in the first five months of 2009, than throughout 2008.

The well-spaced six-speed change feels slick and underpins the Mondeo driving experience.

Handling is slightly compromised by harder compound tyres, but the ECOnetic comes with ESP (electronic stability control) and emergency brake assist for extra sure-footedness.

There is also the 'standard-fit' space and versatility of the Mondeo cabin, but Vauxhall has its own green rival – the Insignia ecoFLEX – and both are shadowed by the BMW 3-Series, which comes with a fuel-saving, emissions-cutting EfficientDynamics eco package as standard, is coveted by company car users and also pleases fleet managers and lease companies with its low depreciation.



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SKODA FABIA



BADGE snobs have had Skoda jibes stuffed down their throats as the Czech brand continues to score in customer satisfaction surveys - its cars are cheap to repair too. The sweet handling Fabia comes only in five-door hatch and ugly estate formats, but there is plenty of other choice on engine and trim – there is even an impressive diesel vRS hot hatch version. The VW-derived diesels are economy kings, but do not ignore the cheaper to buy petrol models.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Looks and image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Quality	****

HYUNDAI GETZ



REPLACED earlier this year by the i20, the Getz signalled Hyundai's arrival on the European market, with a thoroughly modern supermini. It does not excel in any area, but neither does the Korean car fall short anywhere either. Available in three and five-door form with a five-year warranty, it has some engines in road tax band-B, including an efficient diesel. Securing a good deal - with some warranty intact – should not be hard either, though reliability is not a worry.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	***
Looks and image	***
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Quality	****

NISSAN MICRA



BORING Nissan? Well, the current Micra has blown that myth apart (pictured). This is the supermini that says you don't have to conform to style to be space-efficient and you don't need a French badge to be chic – although Renault now owns Nissan. The Micra still turns heads and looks 'right' in three or five-door form. It's affordable and reliable, available with excellent diesels and marketed with stylish trim in the dearer versions. There are even some performance models.

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Space	****
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FIESTA, 1.25 Style + 3dr [82]. nc58fkt, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, passenger airbag, remote locking, radio/cd, adjustable seats. alloy wheels, central locking insurance group:4, black, 11031 niles, £11490, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.8TDCi Zetec Climate, 2007 moondust silver, 13137 miles, £9795 Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 LX, 2006, aquarius, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.8TDCi LX, 2006, jeans, 25000 miles, £8295, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.8 Titanium, 2008, ocean blue, 6000 miles, £12995, Tenterden 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 2.0 TDCi Zetec S 3dr***SPORT PACK BLUETOOTH ej58fjn, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, head restraints, folding rear seats, lumbar support, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests sports seats, traction control. black 8500 miles, £13995, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 Edge 3dr******LOW MILEAGE*******, gd04wgw,adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloys, driver airbag, electric windows, foglights, immobiliser, assessmer, arbag, nower assisted. passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, sports seats, 1 year warranty and roadside assistance, central ocking, cloth upholstery, colour coding body, metallic paintwork. insurance group:6, grey, 34341 miles, £4995, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRAD

FOCUS, 1.8TDCi Zetec Climate, 2007, moondust silver, 13137 miles, £9795, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 LX, 2006, aquarius, 22000 miles, £6995, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

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blue, 6000 miles, £12995, Tenti 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FOCUS C-Max, 2006, tango red,

32000 miles, £6995, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

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FUSION 1 4 Zetec Climate 2006 moondust silver, 16000 miles, £699 Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FISION Plus 1 4 2006 tonic 28000 miles, £6995, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

KA, 1.3i Style [70] 3dr [Climate]

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restraints, folding rear seats

gk07wja, metallicdeep navy. abs, air conditioning, driver airbag, electric

immobiliser, power assisted steering,

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gn08kxe, multichanger, 15903 miles, £15000, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

STREETKA, 1.6i ICE Roadster, 2006, metalic ice silver with black leather, 28000 miles, £6495, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

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25, iL 1589cc 5 door, 2003, abs brakes sunroof central locking alarm driver's airbag power steering history check immobiliser electric windows, blue, 51350 miles, £3495, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

400, 414 petrol, 1997, blue, 98000 miles, £750, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

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AGILA, Design 1199cc 5 door, 2004,

driver's airbag power steering history

check, lilac, 28500 miles, £4195, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering

history check electric windows, star silver, 4850 miles, £8795, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

ASTRA, Breeze 1686cc 5 door, 2008, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering history check electric windows, star silver, 4650 miles, £10495, Stittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

ASTRAVAN, Plylined, 2008, central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering history check, white, 7000 miles, £7995, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

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MERIVA, Breeze Plus 1248cc 5 door.

steering history check electric windows, black sapphire, 10930 miles, £10995, Sittingbourne, 01795

MOVANO LWR CDTi 2007 central

locking approved driver's airbag power steering history check, white, 10300 miles, £10995, Sittingbourne,

MOVANOCDTI MWB. 2008. approved

driver's airbag power steering history check, white, 11050 miles, £10495,

Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

VECTRA, Design 1796cc 5 door, 2006,

cd player air conditioning alloy wheels

central locking approved driver's airbag

multiple airbags power steering history

check electric windows, star silver

38000 miles, £7495, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

VIVARO, 2008, approved driver's

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airbag multiple airbags power steering history check electric

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central locking approved driver's

windows, blue, 6 miles, £10995,

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ZAFIRA, 1.6 Life, 2008, star silver, 2339 miles, £9995, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

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S60, 2.4D5 S 185ps, 2006, silver with

cloth, 34900 miles, £2950, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

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2007, 0 miles, £0, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

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airbag multiple airbags power steering history check, white, 16650 miles, £8495, Sittingbourne, 01795

2008, cd player air conditioning central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power

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cd player central locking approv

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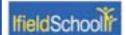












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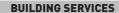
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WINNER: Wayne Parnell (right) celebrates with Rob Key during the Spitfires' Twenty20 Cup quarter-final win

Parnell aims to repay Kent with Twenty20 glory

WAYNE Parnell hopes to repay the faith Kent have shown in him by guiding the Spitfires to their second Twenty20 Cup triumph later this month.

The 20-year-old South African all-rounder has been cleared to play for the Spitfires at Twenty20 finals day on August 15, after successful discussions with Cricket South Africa led by Kent director of cricket, Graham Ford.

Parnell, who took two wickets in the 56-run quarter-final victory against Durham Dynamos last Monday, will return to South Africa after Kent's Championship game against Derbyshire, which ended on Monday.

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The impressive left-arm fast bowler, who is in his second stint at Canterbury this summer, is excited by the chance to feature at the Edgbaston Twenty20 finals day and is determined to help the Spitfires lift the trophy for a second time.

He said: "The fact Kent have asked me back again is really promising, we've built up a good relationship and I hope I can repay them by doing well for them again at finals day.

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"Tm really happy and I'm pretty chuffed about the fact I will be playing at finals day.

"I have done pretty well since I have been at Kent in two different stints now and I am hoping to continue with that.

"Hopefully I can finish the day off and my time at Kent off with a trophy."

After a stunning performance with the ball on Monday last week in front of the biggest crowd at Canterbury's St Lawrence Ground since 1993, Parnell is eagerly anticipating another chance to impress in front of packed stands at Edgbaston.

He said: "The boys have told me it's the most amazing day so I am looking forward to it very much"

Ferley back in action after knee surgery

AFTER two months out with a torn muscle on his right knee, bowler Rob Ferley made a return to action last week.

The left-arm spinner, 27, has had a stop start beginning to his second spell at the club after injury limited his preseason preparations.

Ferley then suffered a small tear on his knee which required surgery.

The injury took longer to heal than expected and he made a return a second XI game last week.

The spinner, who re-signed for Kent from Nottinghamshire in the winter, played in the second team's draw with Gloucestershire at Cheltenham and is expected to step up his workload against Somerset at Beckenham this week.



DEMAND: More Kent Spitfire fans may get chance to see their team in Twenty20 finals day action

Spitfires in bid for extra finals tickets

AFTER a surge in sales, Kent are hopeful of receiving more tickets for Twenty20 Cup finals day at Edgbaston later this month.

The Spitfires have been handed just 1,400 for the showpiece event in Birmingham on August 15, although the county are hopeful they may be able to get some more if they sell their allocation.

Club chairman George Kennedy said: "I'm very disappointed about the number of tickets we have got but I know a lot of people have been buying them in advance.

"I am certainly hopeful that we will get some more that have come back from other counties."







COMING HOME: Paul Farbrace (left) will take over from Graham Ford next season but will call upon the former director of cricket, who will still work with the club on a consultancy basis

Kent return too good to turn down, says Farbrace

FORMER Kent wicketkeeper Paul Farbrace turned down an extension to his contract as Sri Lanka's assistant coach to return to the county.

The 42-year-old replaces director of cricket Graham Ford, who has chosen not to return to Kent when his contract expires at the end of the season.

Farbrace, who takes over as head coach at Canterbury officially next season but will be with the squad from September 1, told this newspaper that a chance to be a first-team coach was too good an opportunity to turn down.

"They tried to make an attractive offer to keep me in Sri Lanka but for me the opportunity to be a first-team coach was too much, together with the lure of what Kent has to offer and to work with coaches at the club that I have previously," he said.

"It may look strange that I have come out of international cricket to go into county cricket, but it was all about making the right decision to help my career."

CRICKET

next month.

BY GLENN PEARSON

Although Ford departs at the end of the season to take over as head coach of South African state side Nashua Dolphins, Kent are optimistic the 48-year-old will still be available during the county season on a consultancy basis.

Having worked under Ford as director of Kent's Academy for two summers, Farbrace is eager to call on the experienced South African as and when he can.

"Graham Ford is a good man and I am glad that he is going to continue working with us," he said. "When I needed to make a decision about going to Sri Lanka he really helped and has been like a mentor to me. A big plus about this job is I will get to tan into his experience."

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Farbrace, who was approached to take over at
St Lawrence while he was in England with the
Sri Lanka team during the ICC World
Twenty20 in June, will join up with the squad

He said: "It will be an opportunity to meet the players, take a look at the club's Academy youngsters and second-team players and decide if the

squad needs strengthening for next summer."

The club are known to have put 28-day approaches in to speak to Leicestershire allrounder Jim Allenby, Warwickshire bowler Naqaash Tahir and Worcestershire seamer Chris Whelan. The new head coach will have an input as to who will be arriving and departing after the summer.

He said: "I have been talking with Simon Willis and Graham Ford about players and have done for the past couple of weeks, and we have also talked about certain members of the playing staff.

"I will be involved with both of them seeing where we are at, who we need to bring in and if there any other areas in the club that need strengthening."

The new coaching structure at the club will see coach Simon Willis take up a new role as cricket operations and talent development manager, which means he will manage the county's second XI and help nurture more young players into the first-team.

Weedon's driven to secure podium placing

SUPERBIKES

TOM Weeden is hoping home support will spur him on to secure his first podium of the season at Brands Hatch this weekend.

The 15-year-old has been making steady progress in his debut season in the British 125cc Championship and is hoping to make an impact at his home circuit. The Maidstone Grammar School pupil is yet to appear on the podium and is desperate to pick up his first piece of silverware.

Weeden's father, Steve, believes his son is making good progress considering the jump from club racing to a national championship. Despite the event being his first on the Brands Hatch Grand Prix circuit, a podium finish is not out of the question.

Steve Weeden said: "It is a big occasion for him to compete at Brands Hatch. However, he has not raced on the Grand Prix circuit yet and has had limited running there due to his age. There should be a lot of support for him there and we are hoping he can get his first podium finish."

Fellow Maidstone superbike racer Scott Smart will also be in action at Brands Hatch, racing for Moto Rapido Ducati in the British Superstock Championship.



ADVANTAGE: Tom Weeden is looking forward to having the home crowd behind him at Brands Hatch

Smart, a former British Superbike rider, has had a solid season in the series and heads into his home circuit in eighth place in

the championship standings. The 34-yearold is a veteran of the circuit and will be one of the favourites to finish on the podium.

Bruton and Brown steer villagers home



CRICKET

BY TOM HOWARD

AN unbeaten 90 from Duncan Brown helped Addington Village complete a seven-wicket victory at Rodmersham on Saturday.

The home side batted first at Bottles Lane and found the going tough as Addington's bowlers were on target from the start.

Opener Dave Cogger provided the only resistance, scoring a half-century before falling to the bowling of Ben Buet. Mat Bruton was the pick of the bowlers finishing with figures of

With only 189 to beat, Addington made a cautious start as Darren Nokes picked up to two early wickets to leave Addington 32 for 3.

However, the partnership of Bruton and Brown rescued the innings and guided Addington to victory with 32 overs played.

Rodmersham's bowlers struggled to cause the pair problems, as Bruton finished unbeaten on 55 with Brown producing the performance of the match, finishing ten runs short of a deserved century.

The result keeps Addington at the top of Division Four with a 14-point lead over their nearest rivals Old Elthamians.

In Division One, the rain brought a premature end to the Mote's clash with league leaders Lordswood. The division's top side struggled with the bat and could only make 200 from their allotted 50 overs. The Mote made a positive start to the run chase with the score 31 for 1 before the rain saw the game end.

Offham's Division Five clash with Chislehurst also ended without a result due to the wet weather. Chislehurst batted first and were bowled out for 168 with Graham Razey claiming figures of 3 for 32.

With victory in their sight, Offham scored 13 from four overs until the rain put an end to the

In Feeder League East 1A, Yalding were on the end of a 111-run defeat to Deal Victoria & Barnes Close.

VICTORY: Addington's bowlers put in a solid showing alongside batsman Duncan Brown in a seven-wicket win

Kent League Division Four Rodmersham 1st XI v Addington Village

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COMEBACK: Striker Lyndon Rowland could make a shock return for the Stones this season

Stones may strike gold with return of an old favourite

EXPERIENCED striker Lyndon Rowland could make a surprise return to Maidstone United for the new Ryman Premier League

The ex-Stones striker, who was ruled out of football last season due to a knee injury, made a shock return for Maidstone in a preseason friendly at Chatham Town last week.

Rowland, a former Stones fans' favourite, left the club in 2008 to join Kent League side Faversham Town but never made a league appearance due an injury he picked up in pre-season.

Joint-manager Lloyd Hume told Yourmaidstone: "To have Lyndon back would be great for us and it was great to see him out there in a Maidstone shirt. He would fill the gap in our strike-force, but we will have to look at the shape of his knee to

see if he can make the step up this season."
With a week remaining before the new season begins, the club have been dealt a blow with Hume being handed a six-week touchline ban following an FA disciplinary hearing last week. He appeared at the hearing in Soho Square to answer a charge of misconduct after an incident during the half-time interval of a game against

Hendon in April last season.

The FA found Hume guilty and have handed him a £50 fine and a suspended sixweek sentence from an earlier offence has become active.

He said: "It is a bit of strange one really because we have video evidence which proves me to be not guilty and the club

(Hendon) have also said I didn't do it.

"It shouldn't affect anything, I will still be at the games, but watching from the stands instead. I can still go into the dressing room during half-time.

Elsewhere at the club, former Margate midfielder Danny Stubbs has agreed terms to join the Stones this season.

Maidstone picked up the second win of their pre-season campaign with a 2-0 victo-

ry at Winchester City on Saturday.
They play their final pre-season friendly this Saturday with a trip to Ramsgate.

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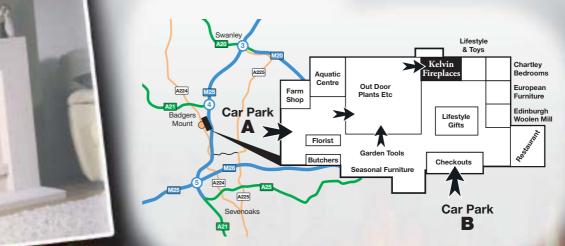
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